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Morrow County Rodeo kicks off Smoke Free!

Heppner, Ore.--Unanimous. That's how the 2013 Morrow County Rodeo Board voted to become a Smoke-Free Rodeo at their July 17th meeting.

The Fair voted to become Smoke-Free a couple years ago and now the Rodeo has followed in their footsteps. All events at the upcoming August Fair and Rodeo will be Smoke-Free.

The Board discussed that the Rodeo is a family event and that as we all try to become healthier and provide a healthier environment for ourselves and others, this is a move in the right direction.

"This change will provide clean air and a healthy event for individuals and families from throughout the county," Rodeo Board member Judy Healy explained.

"In Morrow County 89% of the adults report a no-smoking rule in their homes. The Fair and Rodeo going Smoke-Free is an extension of that value," stated Shelley Wight, the Tobacco Coordinator at Morrow County Health Department.

A Smoke-Free Fair and Rodeo will also help smokers to quit. In Oregon, 80% of smokers want to quit smoking, according to data from the Oregon Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, and providing environments that are Smoke-Free make it easier for smokers to quit.

Reducing exposure to second-hand smoke and providing Smoke-Free environments at community events like the Rodeo is part of a comprehensive approach to preventing tobacco use and supporting cessation. If you use tobacco and would like help quitting, you can call the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or click to quit at https://www.quitnow.net/oregon/.

"With the tobacco related diseases remaining the No. 1 cause of preventable deaths in Morrow County, it's a step in the right direction to help lower the risk and cost of healthcare in our county," said Ms. Wight.

Come enjoy the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo smoke free this year! Aug 14-18



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AUGUST 19 MOCO RODEO 1:15 PM

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